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Dear Mr. Jaworski:

This is in response to your request received 14 January 2003 inquiring about the status of the "REQUEST FOR RESTARTING TIME PERIOD OF RESPONSE" filed 16 August 2002 in U.S. patent application number 09/937,976. The Request was received on 22 August 2002 and a decision in response to that communication was issued on 26 February 2003. A copy of the decision is attached herewith for your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

- Copy of decision of 26 February 2003